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# The Res Gestae

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL

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LAW LIBRARY

## IT'S TO BE ENFORCED-- LAW LIBRARY FOR LAW STUDENTS

Despite student complaints in the past, the library and law school administrations have not taken an official stance on limiting the use of the law school library to law students or individuals doing legal research. As a result, the law library has been over crowded and law students have been unable to find seats. The problem is compounded when the undergraduate division is in session and the undergrads study in the law school because it is fun.

This is changing. Last spring the Law School Student Senate formed a library committee which presented the library administration and Dean Pierce with various proposals to limit access to the Law Library. A pool taken by the L.S.S.S. Grievance Committee indicated that the majority of law students responding favored restriction of the library during all hours it was open. The Library Committee with Library approval, staffed a desk at the library entrance for the two weeks of spring exams and requested that all non-law students (or those without a need for the materials) study in their own libraries.

The desk was staffed for half hour intervals by volunteers. The request was honored by most non-law students and the response from law students was extremely favorable. The Reading Room was less congested and quieter and law students who generally stayed away because there were no seats returned to study in their own library.

The Senate has requested that the library help establish a permanent means of limiting access to the Law Library beginning early this term. President Santos and the Library Committee believe that if non-law students are put on notice early in the term that the Law Library is restricted, the extreme

overcrowding that has occurred in the past will not be repeated this year. President Santos met with Margaret Leary, acting director of the library, to discuss implementing a system. Ms. Leary has offered pending approval of Dean Pierce, the services of the library staff to limit access to the library between 6:30 and 10:00 P.M. Mon.-Thurs. and 1:00 to 10:00 P.M. on Sunday. The library will be open during those hours only to law students, faculty, staff, and those with a legitimate need for legal materials.

The library will channel incoming traffic to the desk where I.D. cards will be checked. Dean Ecklund's office has offered to assist in developing an I.D. validation sticker for library use. Although library personnel will *not* be policing the room to ask unauthorized individuals to leave, law students have the right to ask non-law students to leave. Library personnel can be asked for assistance with this. At no time are non-law students permitted in the carrell or stack areas.

The Library Committee anticipates staffing a desk at the door for the first several weeks of class to assist with the initial restrictions. If you would be interested in working with this committee, please contact Jane McAtee, vice president of L.S.S.S., via her mailbox in the Lawyers Club.

(This article was submitted by LSSS to help explain the new policy.--Ed.)

## Diversity Strikes Law School

by Titus Oates

Diversity has always been an important goal of the law school's admissions process. This year, however, with the advent of the new fifty-fifty plan, the entering class has turned out to be the most diverse ever. The results of this special "alternative experience" emphasis have proved to be full of surprises for everyone--students and faculty alike--and it looks as if the changes this new student will inspire may be more than anyone had anticipated.

A student who had twice failed criminal law in the past year and took it for the third time with the entering fall class was able to assess the effects the new student has had on him: "Quite frankly, I think that someone has dreamed up this whole thing just to get me. It's a conspiracy. Just as soon as I learned how to deal with your typical high-powered LSAT score, they change all the rules of the game and come up with this new diversity jag. I know they must have had their eyes on me when they pulled this one. They're out to do me in. I just can't adjust that quickly. I'll probably stay in Yale's class for a few more weeks just for the laughs, then drop out right before finals."

Another student who himself began law school this summer revealed that "for the first few days, it was great. But it's like eating rich food--these diverse bastards really start to make you sick after a while."

"Last night I had this nightmare about being attacked by some guy who had done absolutely everything that anyone could do and had been everywhere anyone could go. I choked to death and he didn't even *touch* me. It was just this tremendous *power* he seemed to

(See 50-50, page 2.)

## What New Library?

Whatever became of the library annex, you ask? (For freshpersons, understand that the rest of us came back to Ann Arbor expecting to find a 3-story deep hole replacing the law school parking lot on the

corner of Monroe and Tappan.) Well, it seems that progress on those subterranean stacks has been stymied for several reasons. The RG plans to do some digging and get to the bottom of the library story in next week's issue.

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Once again we extend our invitation to anyone having an hour or two free Wednesday night to come by our office in the basement of Legal Research and help put this paper together or to just pass the time.

## THE INVESTIGATIVE R.G.

Nero Wolfe . . . . . Bob Brandenburg  
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    Landenberger  
 Sam Spade . . . . . Ken Frantz  
 Nancy Drew . . . . . Carol Sulkes  
 Sherlock Holmes . . . Steve Mehlman  
 Dick Tracy . . . . . Crusader Rabbit  
 Charley Chan . . . . . Kevin McCabe  
 Phillip Marlow . . . Dan FitzMaurice  
 Hardy boys . . . . . David Duperrault  
    Joseph Green  
 Ellery Queen . . . . . Mike Halpin  
 Columbo . . . . . Greg Need

# CRUSADER RABBIT

## Law School Fantasies

Wouldn't it be great if:

1. all the large lecture halls were subdivided and only seminar sized classes were offered.
2. the use of casebooks were banned and all courses were taught from xeroxed handouts.
3. students were allowed to take as many Clinical courses for credit as they wanted.
4. the films at the Law School were high quality recent flicks like "The Last Picture Show," "Johnny Got His Gun," "Clockwork Orange," "Z," and "Yellow Submarine."
5. all 8:00 a.m. classes were switched to 2:30 p.m.
6. nobody was ever redlined out of a class.
7. the law school tuitions were reduced to \$1000 a year.
8. the law school curriculum were reduced to two years.
9. the law school buildings were reduced to rubble.
10. all the walls in the law school were painted in *art deco*.
11. enough LEXIS terminals were set up to give each student

unlimited use thereof.

12. gag writers were hired for all law professors.
13. all grades were abolished and the law school had to rely upon its reputation to place its students.
14. all the wooden chairs in the law school were burned and replaced with Barca-Loungers.
15. a class in legal writing style were offered.
16. an attractive, unattached person of the opposite sex in each of your classes fell in love with you.
17. the law school booze parties served Southern Comfort, Jack Daniels, and Chivas Regal.
18. law professors decided to teach more often.
19. law professors decided to get stoned more often.
20. law professors decided to get stoned and teach more often.
21. every professor handed out a course syllabus and outline.
22. every professor told you what the course was about on the first day of class instead of launching into the first 35 days of material.

(See RABBIT, page 3.)

## 50-50 or ARE TWO HALVES BETTER THAN THE WHOLE

(Continued from page 1.)

have. I swear, if I hear about one more exotic experience or super-interesting job, I think I'm going to go nuts."

Indeed, administrators report that now that the law school has become a "livelier place to learn," emotional problems are on the rise. "We have a number of students come to my office reporting symptoms of 'diversity shock'," notes one of the school's deans, "but we just sit them down with a group of gas station attendants, Amway salesmen, and engineering students to convince them that there are still regular people left in the world. Before you know it, they're quite anxious to get back with their classmates again."

One of the law librarians has observed some interesting aspects of the new student's library habits. "You know that a lot of those old books we just keep around to maintain our status as one of the biggest law libraries in the country. No one ever wants to read that crap anymore. At least no one did--until

some of these new students actually began checking the stuff out. You'd think they went to law school because they wanted to learn or something, but I'm betting they'll probably wise up in a few months."

As an example of the especially curious new student, the librarian told a story of the fellow who last week checked out a copy of "Riparian Rights on the Estuaries of New Guinea," a monograph published by an unknown author in an unknown language (only the title was translated) in 1883. As the student was leaving the library, he is reported to have stopped to gaze heavenward and remark, "all my life I've waited for this." "As you can see," the librarian remarked, "there is a point at which diverse interests become just plain weird."

Many of the new students are somewhat older than their traditionally chosen classmates, and many of them have been part of the "working world" for quite some time. It is perhaps surprising that this factor may have its greatest effect on the law club cafeteria.

"We will be dropping our line of juvenile foods--such as ice cream and chocolate milk," reports a club dietician. "We've also been asked by the administrators to provide high cholesterol executive lunches complete with martinis and cigars," she notes. Clean up crews are generally pleased with the changes, and are hoping that some of the new "ex-exics" will "forget themselves" and mistakenly leave the large tips they are accustomed to giving after lunch. "You've got to take all you can get with a crummy job like this," one worker wistfully pined.

The new admissions process is certain to produce a number of changes here at the law school. Some will come easily and others with more difficulty, and many will not be noticed until after they have been made. In the words of a professor who asked not to be identified, "we have a Gordian knot here that will be difficult to parse out, but what happens here at Michigan will be paradigmatic for the rest of the country. I do like the idea of cigars after lunch."



# DOCKET

## TODAY

### PAD LUNCHEON

At Noon

Today's speaker will be Prof. Ed Green. His topic is "White Collar Murders". In the Faculty Dining Room at the Lawyers Club.

### LEGAL AID WANTS YOU!

LEGAL AID NEEDS YOU! (YEAH, YOU!)

We handle many types of legal problems, give advice, have parties, work for law reform, participate in courtroom tragedies and comedies. We are staffed primarily by law student volunteers, and we need your help.

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

12 Noon Room 120

Everyone invited.  
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### ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY

Film and Speaker on the Pigeon River  
3:00 P.M. Room 138

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### LAW SOCIETY MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 15 3:30 P.M.  
Lawyers Club Lounge

### BLSA

General Body Meeting Today  
4:30 P.M. Room 220

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE: There will be an organizational and planning meeting of the SPEAKERS COMMITTEE on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room (Lawyers' Club). All interested persons are invited!

# NOTICES

### \$\$\$MONEY\$\$\$

Earn some spending money each week. The Res Gestae is looking for an advertisement salesperson. You will earn ten per cent on your sales. Fill out an application form available outside the RG office (102A L.R.) and slide it under the door. You can get information from Bob Brandenburg, 764-9077.

### LSSS SECRETARY & FIRST YEAR ELECTIONS

Elections for representatives from the first year sections and for the position of Secretary of LSSS will be held on Oct. 3 and 4. Nominating petitions are due by Sept. 20 at the Lawyers Club desk. Statements by candidates to be printed in the Res Gestae are due on Sept. 20 at the R.G. office. Nominating petitions and campaign regulations will be available shortly--Dennis Mullins will be in charge of the election--contact him by leaving messages at the Lawyers Club desk.

### THANX

Phi Delta Phi wishes to thank the Law School Student Senate for its cooperation in sponsoring the Welcome Back Party last Saturday night. Reports from those who can remember anything are that a good time was had by all.



## P L A C E M E N T   N O T E S

3rd year students--The Federal Communications Commission will not be interviewing at the Law School this year, but will be interviewing University of Michigan students at Wayne State University on Wednesday, October 12 in the afternoon. If you wish to be considered for an interview, please submit a resume to the Placement Office by Friday, September 16.

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3rd year students--If you wish to interview with the Department of Justice Honors Program on November 10 and 11, please stop by the Placement Office for an application and brochure. The completed applications must be returned to the Placement Office by Wednesday, September 28.

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2nd and 3rd year students--Mr. Charles Stroad from the Internal Revenue Service Regional Counsel's office in Detroit and Mr. Joseph Hairston, Director of Administrative Services Division, Internal Revenue Service, Washington D. C. will be at the Law School Wednesday, September 21 to speak with second and third year students. The meeting will be in Room 132 at 12:30. Mr. Stroad will have applications which he will distribute at the meeting.

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Remember!! Sign-ups are now being held at noon in Room 100.

### NEW DEAN COMMITTEE

LSSS has submitted the following names for the dean's search committee. Two will be selected to serve on the committee. The names are: Mel Beal, Steve Berlin Kevin McCarthy, Robert Santos

Lockers must be registered by September 16th with Marge Demers in Room 300 Hutchins Hall. Unregistered locks will be cut off Wednesday, September 21st.

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM

731 Legal Research Building  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109

The Journal of Law Reform was established in part to provide law students with an opportunity for intensive legal research and writing. While most of our staff is selected from students who enter the writing competition at the end of their first year, a few second and third year students may "write-their-way-on". If you are interested in finding out more about writing your way on the Journal, contact Susan Jinnett in Room 731, Legal Research Building, or in carrel 800 on the eighth floor of the stacks.

### COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

On September 29 to October 1 the Law School will again host the annual gathering of the Committee of Visitors. This is a group of distinguished alumni who offer suggestions on how to improve the law school. To help them get a feel for the law school, they have asked LSSS to invite 25 students to join them for breakfast and 12 students to eat lunch with them. Breakfast will be an Continental breakfast in the Lawyers Club from 8:30 to 9:30 on Friday, Sept. 30. Lunch, featuring Professors Payton and Whitman as speakers, will be in the Michigan Union the same day starting at 12:15. If you are interested in attending please leave your name with the meal you would like to attend at the Lawyers Club desk. LSSS is also interested in any law school issues that you feel should be brought to the attention of the Committee of Visitors.

## NOTES FROM THE CZARS

Schedules for I.M. softball, tennis and soccer games are posted on the Sports Bulletin Board in the basement corridor. Due to I.M. procedures, most of the team names have been changed, so check the manager's name on the team list to determine your team. Copies of the official I.M. softball rules are also on the bulletin board. Each team should take a copy. If there are any disputes during a game, the team captain is the only person who is to discuss them with the official. When the captain is not in the game, an alternate captain should be designated. The I.M. directors have stressed cooperation and good sportsmanship. Therefore, if the Sports CZARS hear of any unsportsmanlike conduct, that team will be required to personally pay the \$15 entry fee. If your team cannot make a game, you must notify the I.M. Department--763-1313 (ask for Cheryl) and/or the other team and/or the Sports Czars.

If you fail to give proper notification, your team again will be personally responsible for the \$15 entry fee. If there are any questions call: K.T. Tinkham 663-7054  
Jack Helms 994-0425

### UPCOMING ENTRY DEADLINES

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Men's</u>	<u>Women's</u>	<u>Co-Rec</u>
Tennis	4 per team - Sept. 13	singles - Sept. 22 double - Oct. 19	Sept. 30-2pm per.
Bowling	Sept. 20		Feb. 20
Track	Sept. 23	Sept. 23	
Cross Country	Oct. 3		
Touch Football	Oct. 3	Oct. 3	Oct. 3
Racquetball	Oct. 10		Jan. 10
Volleyball		Oct. 24	Jan. 10
Golf	Oct. 13		
Innertube Waterpolo		Sept. 19	Oct. 31
Paddleball			Oct. 11
Relays			Oct. 5

### YOU ARE THERE

An activities calendar will be started to note scheduled Law School events and avoid possible conflicts with dates. Please advise Marge Demers in Room 300 Hutchins Hall of any such activities so they may be put on the calendar.

Washtenaw County Court will conduct a trial every day during September in the Moot Court Room. Feel free to attend.

## SPORTS POLL

Welcome back to another season of one of this law schools' most venerable traditions- the RG sports poll. For the newcomers the rules are: pick the winners of each of the games listed below, taking into account the stated point spreads. For example, if you think Michigan will defeat Duke by more than 35 points, pick Michigan. If you think Duke will win, or lose by less than 35 points, pick Duke. Circle your picks and cross out the losers. Put your entry in the box outside of room 100 no later than 5:00 P.M. Friday. Please be sure to put your name on the poll.

### Colleges:

Duke(35½) at Michigan  
 Washington St. at Michigan St.(6½)  
 Missouri(½) at Illinois  
 L.S.U. at Indiana(3½)  
 Iowa(16½) at Iowa State  
 Minnesota(20½) at Ohio State  
 Ohio University(7½) at Purdue  
 Northwestern(21½) at Arizona State  
 Northern Illinois(41½) at Wisconsin  
 Notre Dame at Mississippi(17½)  
 Utah(27½) at Oklahoma  
 U.S.C. at Oregon State(30½)  
 Texas A&M at Virginia Tech(24½)  
 New Mexico(22½) at Texas Tech  
 Kansas(16½) at U.C.L.A.  
 Houston(½) at Penn State  
 Kent State(30½) at Colorado  
 Alabama at Nebraska(6½)  
 Central Mich. at Illinois St.(14½)  
 Texas-Arlington(7½) at W. Michigan  
 Oklahoma State vs. Arkansas(10½)  
 Kentucky at Baylor(9½)  
 West Virginia(13½) at Maryland  
 Florida State(½) at Kansas State  
 Wm. & Mary(22½) at Pittsburgh  
 Muskingum(3½) at Marietta

### Pros:

Baltimore at Seattle(15½)  
 Cleveland(10½) at Cincinnati  
 Dallas(½) at Minnesota  
 Detroit(6½) at Chicago

Green Bay(6½) at New Orleans  
 Kansas City(13½) at New England  
 Los Angeles at Atlanta(16½)  
 Miami at Buffalo(3½)  
 New York Jets(7½) at Houston  
 St. Louis at Denver(½)  
 San Diego(16½) at Oakland  
 Tampa Bay(10½) at Philadelphia  
 Washington at New York Giants(5½)  
 San Francisco(9½) at Pittsburgh

Tiebreaker: How many yards rushing will Harlan Huckleby get against Duke? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### RG RANKINGS

1. MICHIGAN (3½ first place votes)
2. Southern Cal (1½)
3. Alabama
4. Notre Dame
5. Ohio State
6. Oklahoma
7. Texas Tech
8. Texas A&M
9. Colorado
10. Penn State
11. Houston
12. Maryland (tie)
12. Washington State (tie)
14. U.C.L.A.
15. Texas
16. Florida (tie)
16. Georgia (tie)
16. Michigan State (tie)
16. Pittsburgh (tie)

Also receiving votes: Arizona State, Arkansas, Brigham Young, Duke (?), Mississippi State, Purdue (??).

STRAW POLL: Who will win the A.L. East?  
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Greg Need

# HUTCHIN'S HEROES

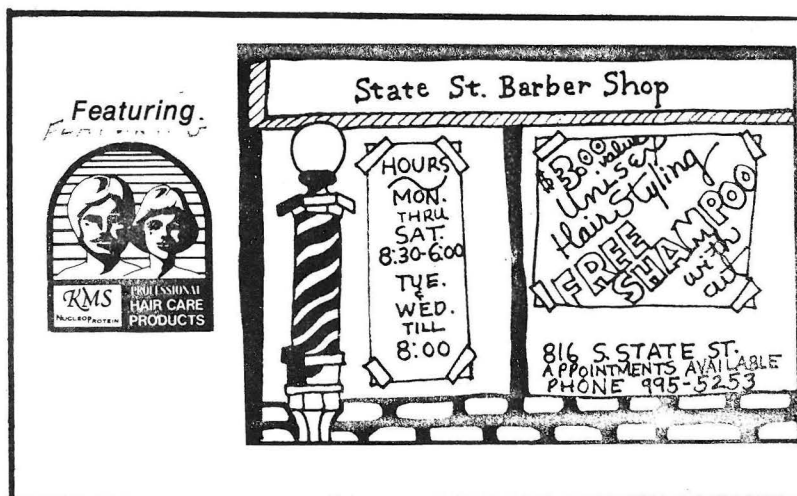


## RABBIT (Continued from page 2.)

23. every professor held a review session the final day of class.
24. the Admissions Office uniformly screened out all meatheads, turkeys, and nerds.
25. a swimming pool and ice skating rink were built in the Law Quad.
26. Zonker Harris was admitted into U-M Law School.
27. three non-Neanderthal judges were chosen to judge Campbell Competition.
28. every article in the *Res Gestae* was of sufficient quality to warrant publication.
29. as part of the curriculum, the law school offered a three week review at the end of your sixth semester which would be the equivalent of a Bar Review Course.
30. the Law Review, just once, published a funny article like "the common law origins of the infield fly rule."
31. all Friday classes were switched to Monday-Thursday.
32. law students organized a note-taking service to eliminate the necessity to go to class.
33. closed circuit TV sets were installed in every classroom so students could watch the World Series during boring lectures.
34. Seating charts were abolished.
35. the windows in the classrooms were transparent instead of opaque.
36. the law school classrooms were air-conditioned.

37. the water coolers really were.
38. law professors didn't give citations to obscure cases they mentioned during class.
39. when law professors did give citations to obscure cases they mentioned during class, nobody would copy them down.
40. nobody ever went to Property.
41. nobody ever signed up for Enterprise Organization.
42. there were no lines anywhere for anything at the Law School.
43. the Law School held surprise mid-week vacations.
44. somebody told law professors

- that they were allowed to speak in something other than a monotone.
45. law students would talk to people other than other law students.
46. law students would talk about something other than law to other law students.
47. everybody decided to pass in class one day.
48. everybody came to Law School in costume on Halloween.
49. the law library kept Marvel comics on reserve.
50. the Law School semester lasted three days.





# Television Review: THE NEW SEASON

by Steve Fetter

Every year the three major networks attempt to find a new source of creative entertainment to catapult their ratings to the top or solidify the lead they already hold. It was inevitable that eventually they would get around to discovering the possibilities existing right here at the University of Michigan Law School. A few of this year's offerings:

**BIONIC LAW STUDENT**--First-year student torn apart in Prof. Allen's Criminal Law class is painstakingly reconstructed piece-by-piece with citations from the *Federal Reporter*, 2d.

**STAR WARS**--Documentary chronicling life on the *U-M Law Review*.

**SOAP**--Science-Fiction--A soap dispenser in the men's locker room continues to work for the entire fall semester.

**WLSA**--Students start a new radio station "manned" completely by women.

**TURTLE SOUP**--Unreleased Marx Brothers' classic--Marooned at sea, the boys have to eat Harpo for dinner--a laugh riot.

**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**--Two first-year students leave New York City suburbs (Scarsdale and Great Neck) to discover the Midwest, only to be assigned to the same room in the Law Quad.

**THE RETURN OF BO JEST**--Michigan football coach once again tries to tell the Wolverine squad that Navy will be a tough opponent.

**THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT**--Groupies fish for law students in the Law Library (Highlights on the 11:00 news).

**SEARCH FOR TOMORROW**--Law student forgets the room number of his first 8:00 exam.

**LAW SCHOOL '77**--Ninety people trapped in an out-of-control first-year section, barrelling towards death and destruction. Charlton Heston plays Dean Susan Eklund.

**ONE ON ONE**--Sports Feature--Each week a student challenges a professor to a sports contest in an attempt to win an 'A' in his course. (First week--Gerry Rosburg plays squash.)

**YOUNG AND RESTLESS**--First-year student tries to sign up for Prof. White's Commercial Transactions winter term.

**THE E HAS LANDED**--First-year student receives his transcript and mistakenly believes there is a typographical error on it.

**WOLVERINE FOOTBALL PRE-GAME**--(Fall only)--Judge Horace Gilmore reviews the strengths and weaknesses of Michigan's upcoming opponent (Saturday, 10-12).

## ATTENTION: COMMITTEES

If any L.S.S.S. committees or any other Law School committees want to arrange for food or beverage from the Lawyers Club, you must give the food service at least ten days notice.

# THE HUSTLER

(1961)

Starring

\*\*PAUL NEWMAN\*\* \*\*JACKIE GLEASON\*\*  
\*\*GEORGE C. SCOTT\*\* \*\*PIPER LAURIE\*\*

Directed by Robert Rossen

Based on the story by Walter Tevis

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

Hutchins Hall, Room 100 7 & 9 P.M.

Fall Schedule

The Horror of Dracula	Fri., Sept. 23	7:00 & 8:45
Forbidden Planet	Fri., Sept. 30	7:00 & 9:00
Beat the Devil	Fri., Oct. 14	7:00 & 9:00
The Producers	Fri., Oct. 28	7:00 & 9:00
Uizana's Raid	Fri., Nov. 4	7:00 & 9:00
Lolita	Fri., Nov. 18	7:00 & 9:45
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington	Fri., Dec. 2	7:00 & 9:30

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